

Shelton State Courier

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Go Shelton!



Shelton is an exciting place to go to college. (Clockwise, top L.) coaches Collins and Terry bring home a national championship in golf, theatre instructor Carr will teach you how to move in a play, where the lots are always empty at 7 a.m., and where we boogie on our own quad when homecoming rolls around



By Kim Eaton

A question that must be running through the minds of many returning students and also entering freshman, but there is no answer. It is time to return to papers, tests, mathematical equations, and the mysteries of science. However, this year has a new twist that makes it a bit more interesting. It is the end of a thousand year period and the beginning of the 21st century.

So, what does that mean to us, as students, as we begin to prepare for another semester? In the spirit of the new year, Shelton has developed a program, headed by

Lucy Kubiszyn and a committee of different faculty members. "The committee has accomplished a series of events and programs that recognize the close of this century and the beginning of the new millennium," states Rick Rogers, assistant to the President of Shelton State Community College. The program began in January "with the intent of having an event each month to recognize the significance of this new year," Rogers explains.

An event sure to catch the attention of the community is being held on Sept. 23, at 7 p.m. in the Bean-Brown theatre, where John

Berendt, author of the greatest non-fiction best-seller of all time, *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*, will be speaking. Immediately following the lecture, there will be a reception honoring Berendt where he will autograph copies of his book.

Another important event will be Shelton State's Homecoming which will take place November, 1999. More information concerning Homecoming and other events will be posted in the *Courier*.

All of these ideas are great

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Academic dean Arthur Howington says, "These are the hardest working people at the college"

Shirley Nix in cosmetology and barbering and Carole Johnson in humanities are the two new division chairs taking up their posts this fall

"They are the ones who make the college go," says Dean Arthur Howington about the division heads within the college. "They match up the classes with instructors; they deal with all the administrative tasks; they work very hard without a lot of extra pay."

According to Howington, the division chairs are the ones students should go to first if they have a problem within a class they cannot solve. "First, they should always try to work things out with the instructor. But if that can't be done, then they should go to the division chairs."

The division chairs are also the chief recruiters for students in their areas. One of the two new

chairs, Shirley Nix of cosmetology and barbering, puts recruiting students for her division as a top priority. But she feels this task is no difficult chore, for she is excited about the profession she teaches. "To me it is the greatest profession in the world because you are not only helping people look better but are helping them feel better about themselves. I can't imagine a better way of making a living."

Nix says many people don't understand the challenge involved in getting people ready to function as professionals in barbering and cosmetology. "They don't realize we have to please the post-secondary board of education as well as the Alabama Board of Cosmetology. It's a rigorous program in which students sometimes have to participate in labs up to nine hours long."

Nix says, though, she finds the challenges and the long hours

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1999-2000 Division Chairs

Biology: Mike Aaron
Computer Science/ Business: Darrell Wright
Cosmetology and Barbering: Shirley Nix
Humanities: Carole Johnson
Information Technologies: Lyda Black
Library: Debbie Grimes
Mathematics: Camille Cochrane

Nursing: Gladys Hill
Occupational Services: John Speights
Respiratory Care: Bruce Spruell
Social Sciences, Speech and Fine Arts: Linda Grote
Technologies: John Stringfellow

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SGA to begin another year of seeking student involvement

By Kim Eaton
Reported by Becky Avery

"To get students more involved in extracurricular activities" is the main goal that Kimberly Cockrell, 1999-2000 Shelton State's SGA president, has set for the year.

Cockrell, a 1998 graduate of Tuscaloosa County High School, participated in various student or-

ganizations in high school, such as National Honor Society, Beta Club, Interact Club, Key Club, VICA officer, Spanish Honor Society officer, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, danceline, and track.

Her many honors and achievements while at County High include Presidential Academic Award, Alabama Leadership Award, two President's awards, Who's Who Among High School Students, Outstanding Senior, and Baseball Dia-

mond Girl. Although Cockrell stayed extremely busy with extracurricular activities, she still obtained an excellent GPA and received her Advanced Diploma with Honors upon graduation.

Since beginning Shelton State in the fall semester of 1998, Cockrell has once again showed support for her school by being a

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And the paper goes on... reflections of an outgoing editor

As the song says, to everything there is a season. There must come a change, and for everything under heaven there's a purpose and a time.

With this issue of the *Shelton State Courier*, my purpose and my time will be passed on to new leadership and a new vision. This issue marks the end of my tenure as Editor-In-Chief.

The end comes with a little bit of sadness, a little bit of relief, a little bit of pride and a whole lot of cherished memories. I have 30 issues under my belt here in the newsroom and I've had a lot of fun during each one. We've shared a lot of laughs, a lot of stress and a lot memorable times trying to write good stories for you all to read.

When I came to Shelton in '95 I had no idea what I wanted to do in life. For the first few years, I took computer courses and worked for an Associate Degree in Computer Science, which I will soon have, and I loved working with computers, but somehow something was

missing.

That something came into focus in December of '97 when I met someone who would be pivotal in my

ing and purpose, and I found my true love—writing.

Along with Dr. Kenny, I have tried to make the *Courier* a worthwhile, enjoyable paper for students and the community. I would like to think I helped out in getting the newsroom we now enjoy and I'm extremely proud of the stories I helped put together for the paper. And along the way, I hope that I've learned to write a little bit.

There's been so many things I've tried to do here at Shelton that it would take forever to list. The *Online Courier* is probably one of my greatest accomplishments, and it was not the easiest thing to put together, but I enjoyed it and I hope others have too. Without a budget or even equipment to work with in the beginning, it was a huge challenge.

The thing I would like to remind everyone is that this all came about for me because I

signed up to get involved. Otherwise, I would still be searching for what I wanted in life. I encourage everyone to get into clubs and organizations as much as possible and let everyone know you want to be involved. No one gets anywhere sitting on the couch.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to Kim Eaton. Kim is the new editor of the paper and brings a lot of writing talent to the table with her already. I think she will do a wonderful job of continuing to push the *Courier* to the best that it can be. With the new editor, there will be changes and new ideas to look forward to, and I for one can't wait to see what comes about.

Although you won't see me sitting in my chair much anymore—I'll be walking the halls for a couple of more semesters taking classes while I continue my pursuit of writing expertise at the University.

I'll still be a part of the *Courier* in some way or form. I could never totally give up something I care so much about.

I would also like to extend a few thanks you's. Dr. Jim Kenny has become a friend and a mentor to me and he has helped me in more

ways that I can ever repay. He continues to help me in my transition to the University and he proofreads everything I do freelance. You can never say thank you loud enough to someone who has done so much, so I will just say to him, "Thanks, Doc."

I would also like to thank Dean Humphrey Lee, one of the most intelligent and funny guys I've ever met, for having the foresight, and the nerve, to put up with me these two years as editor. I still remember him wincing at some of my stranger ideas. Thanks, Dean Lee; you're a man among men.

And lastly, I would like to thank you, the readers and the faculty, for supporting and reading the *Courier* all these many months. Many of you have played a part in our success and I'll always be thankful. So keep on reading, and may the *Courier* go on forever!

James A. Crawford II
Editor-In-Chief

January 1998-September 1999



Editor James A. Crawford II says, "Hello, I must be going!"

Future Issues

The *Courier* looks forward to 18 issues this school year: two in September, October, November, February, March, and April. One each month is scheduled for December, January, May, June, July and August. Let us know what you would like to know about Shelton by calling the publisher at 391-2278 or the *Courier* editorial office at 391-2406. You may also visit the *Courier Online* at http://www.shelton.cc.al.us/~courier/courier_main.html

"Keep Looking Up!"

By Dr. Lee Albritton



I know you are familiar with the Big and Little Dippers in the northern part of the sky. But did you know that the southern summer sky has another common object found in the kitchen used for making tea? Sagittarius—"the teapot"—comes complete with a spout, top, and handle!

All of the stars that make up Sagittarius are equal in bright-

ness, therefore it is very easy to locate by simply looking above the southern horizon on a summer night for a perfectly shaped "teapot." The Milky Way, our galaxy, comes in at Sagittarius on the southern horizon and appears as steam coming out of the spout of the teapot. Sagittarius is officially an archer and is one of the twelve constellations on the ecliptic, so each month the moon will move

Make some tea this summer

through the constellation and the sun will be in Sagittarius during the year as Earth revolves around the Sun. The planets at different times will also move through the teapot.

Keep looking up and be sure to make some tea this summer with one of the most familiar summer constellations—Sagittarius—the teapot!

Don't miss John Berendt, author of the greatest-selling non-fiction book of all time...

Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil

Shelton State Bean-Brown Theatre, Sept. 23, 7 p.m.

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Among other functions, it is intended as a vehicle for student expression and all students

are urged to participate with submissions of written and artistic material.

The college seeks to fulfill the statement for academic freedom in working with the students in the production of this paper:

"The college seeks to provide an atmosphere conducive to open and honest intellectual inquiry in any college forum which is appropriate for dialogue and student participation. The students should feel free to exercise the right to dissent within limits of decorum and good taste."

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and very inspiring, but is this only going to be a program that takes place every thousand years? Or does Shelton plan on continuing in this same course of action every year? "I hope it's going to be continuous," states Lucy Kubiszyn, head of the new millennium program. "I think it's been fun bringing in different segments of the community."

Apart from the millennium events, the school has plans for improvement in other areas as well. According to Britt Turner, Dean of Technical Services, the heavy equipment operator courses have expanded. He also explains that "we're looking at developing new high-tech programs for the industrial fields." Turner's highest hope for the new year is that the "academic and technical programs come together" to help students become more knowledgeable of the new technological fields becoming available in the future.

Now that you know about the new programs of study and the major events planned for the new year, you may be asking "What is there to do for fun at Shelton?"

Dean of Students Humphrey Lee says the college is still struggling to find the funds to support student activities the way the ad-

ministration would like to see it done. When asked if his area hopes to see any additional funding from the reported \$4 million sale of the 15th St. campus to Home Depot, Lee says, "Unfortunately, no. We are going to get a little more funding this year, but that money is going to go toward the debt we incurred in financing this building."

But as Dean Lee points out, Shelton State has an outstanding intercollegiate athletics department consisting of baseball, basketball, and golf for men and basketball, softball, and soccer for women. Also, the cheerleaders have successfully conveyed an enthusiastic spirit at the Buccaneer home games.

Apart from the athletics, there are a number of student organizations designed to help students with specific interests to become involved in the school and the community. A few of these include African-American Cultural Association, Circle K, Common Concerns Club, Corsair Fencing Club, International Students Club, Phi Theta Kappa, Shelton State Scholar Bowl, Students Government Association, and the Shelton State Courier, your college newspaper.

The majority of these clubs are looking for leadership and involvement, so if you are interested, see Humphrey Lee, the Dean of Students.

To keep you informed of the happenings of each organization, the *Courier* will have a section of the paper devoted to club news. So, if there are other student clubs that have not already been mentioned, please contact the Courier office so we can include your news also.

Many students may be feeling different types of emotions as they begin this new year at Shelton. According to Jennifer Haynes, Shelton student, "I hadn't realized that when I signed up for my classes at Shelton I also (inadvertently) signed up for hiking 101. I don't think that

I have ever had to park so far away from a building in my life."

Although you may get a workout trying to get to class, your years at Shelton will be memorable. Jennifer Hardman, another Shelton student, sums it up best with "I'm excited, I'm scared—but I love it!"

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worth it. "I am dedicated to the profession. I find it very rewarding."

New humanities chair Carole Johnson says she is thrilled

to accept the leadership position. "I've been here a long time, and it is very gratifying to have this opportunity. What I hope to do is promote technology in the classroom as much as possible. I would like to see all

the writing classes done on computer, incorporate web pages, have whole course taught on-line; this sort of thing. We need to make all the technological advancements we can in our field."



The division heads at Shelton meet for an early semester discussion. On duty are (L-R) John Speights, Occupational Services; Mike Aaron, Biology; Camille Cochran, Mathematics; Carol Johnson, Humanities; John Stringfellow, Technologies; Linda Grote, Social Sciences, Speech and Fine Arts; Gladys Hill, Nursing; Debbie Grimes, Library; Shirley Nix, Cosmetology and Barbering; Lyda Black, Information Technologies; Bruce Spruell, Respiratory Care; and Darrell Wright, Computer Science/ Business

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Shelton State cheerleader, by being accepted into Phi Theta Kappa, and elected as Phi Theta Kappa Vice President of Leadership. Cockrell's dedication to her schoolwork has awarded her a place on the President's List as well as the National Dean's List. She has also the recipient of a Hope Academic Scholarship. With a major in Business Administration, Cockrell currently holds a 4.0 GPA at Shelton State.

Cockrell explains that she is "anxious to start the new year and to get all

clubs at Shelton working toward a common goal." She believes that the other SGA officers are also "excited to see a change at Shelton." Cockrell's main concern is the minimal school spirit at Shelton State.

As a former cheerleader for Shelton, she feels "that the student body lacks school spirit," and she hopes "to make all sports events and other academic events more exciting so our students will feel they have something to be school-spirited about."

The other SGA officers for the 1999-2000 Shelton State school year are: Vice President, Kelly Smith; Secretary, Phillip Wilkerson; Treasurer, Natasha Williams. Class representatives will be announced soon.



Kimberly Cockrell, the 1999-2000 SGA president, has high hopes that Shelton students will participate even more on her watch

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Auditions Aug. 26-27 for Student Production of *The Crucible*

Auditions for Shelton State's Fall production of *The Crucible* will be held on Thursday, August 26 and Friday, August 27 in the Wilson Carr Rehearsal Hall at 7:00 p.m. Auditions are open to all stu-

dents and employees of Shelton State Community College. Performance dates are September 29-October 3.

Written in 1953, *The Crucible* explores "one of the strangest

and most awful chapters in human history," said Arthur Miller. Now considered a classic of American Theatre, the play is about the witch-hunts and trials in seventeenth-century Salem, Mass.

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From going to church to hanging out at clubs, students look for entertainment

By Kathy Bostick

Shelton State students have a diverse cultural outlook on the entertainment available to them in Tuscaloosa. Some students find a multitude of interesting activities to keep them busy during the weekends. Whether it be attending concerts or going to church, Shelton students find something to take their minds off school.

According to Lacey Taylor, reading is something she loves to indulge in. Taylor explains that it "is convenient and relaxing."

Jennifer Haynes enjoys swinging by Butler field and catching "a preview of the coming half-time show performed by The Million Dollar Band." Another unusual outing that Haynes mentions are the "ruins at Capital Park or antebellum mansions like the Jemison-VandeGraff home."

Just past the Riverchase Galleria on Hwy. 280, the church at Brookhills "is a place to gather with fellow Christians and worship freely with no pressure involved," according to Jim Shaw. So if you are not into the partying scene, you might just want to swing by and check it out.

What about hopping in the car with friends and just driving until you run out of gas (otherwise known as a roadtrip)? That is exactly what one Shelton student Jennifer Hardman does. She states that "in the past year I've ended up in New Orleans, Memphis, Nashville, Atlanta, and several small towns that I can't remember now..." The majority of the trips were

just "there and back types of adventures, but on each trip I had a different kind of new experience."

For anyone who likes to act crazy, Kim Eaton explains how "to add a little twist to a rather usual bar-hopping night." There's nothing better than gathering up a few friends and heading over to the Quad for some tag football as the sun comes up. "It's an extremely exhilarating experience, especially if it's been raining all night," she declares.

Of course there are the usual bars on the strip like Pounders, Lyric Hall (formerly known as the Ivory Tusk), Harry's, 4th and 23rd, the Chukker, and Catch 22. You really don't want to miss some of the great bands playing at these places. But if you seem to tire of Tuscaloosa, you can always head up to Birmingham to the Industry, a club open to ages 18 and up. Beau Massengale claims that "compared clubs in Tuscaloosa, the Industry has more variety," so if "you are looking for somewhere different to go this fall, and don't mind driving that extra hour to Birmingham," the Industry is the place to attend.

As far as entertainment goes, each person has a different opinion on what's fun. Whether it be spending a quiet night at home reading a book or visiting places on campus, there are plenty of ways for Shelton students to enjoy, relax, and take their minds off of the books. Good luck in your quest to find entertainment you enjoy.

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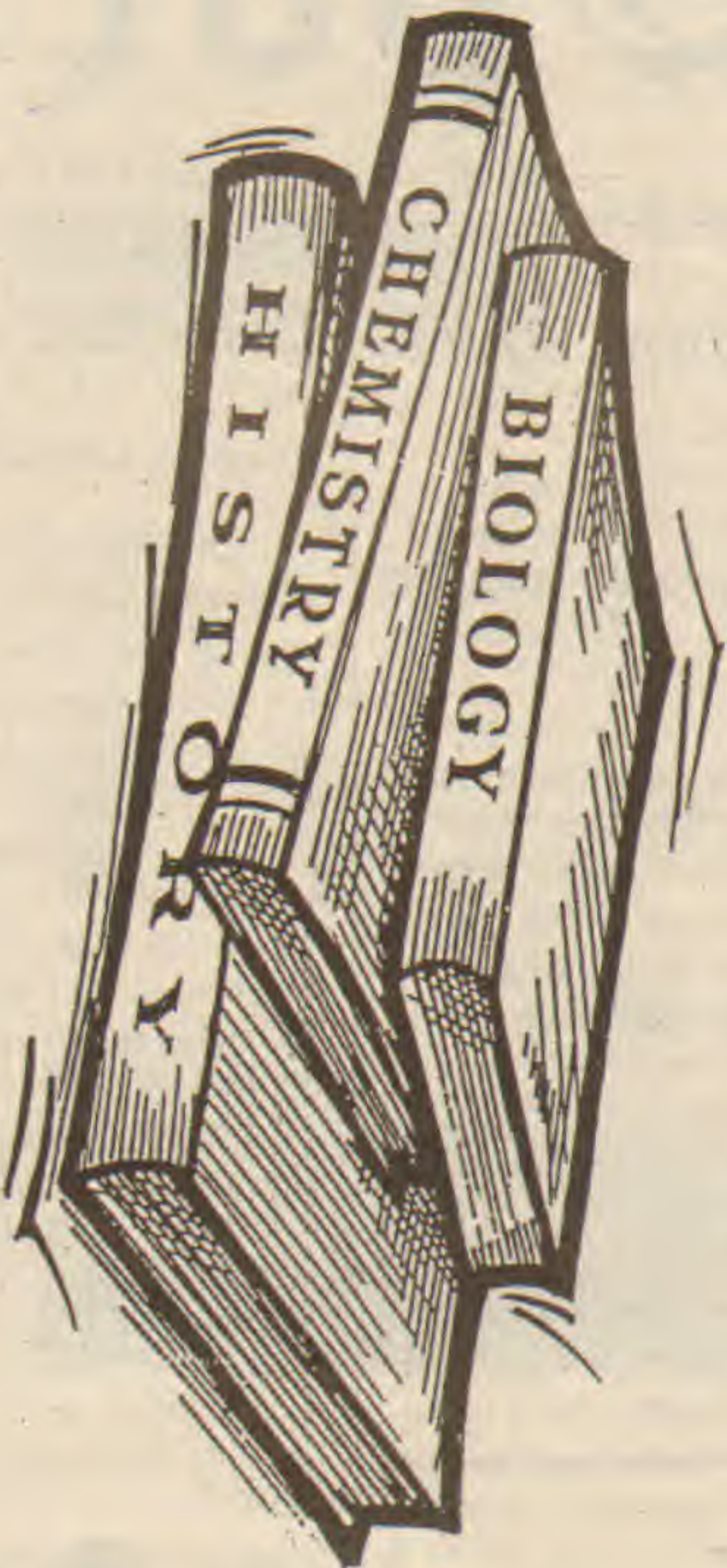
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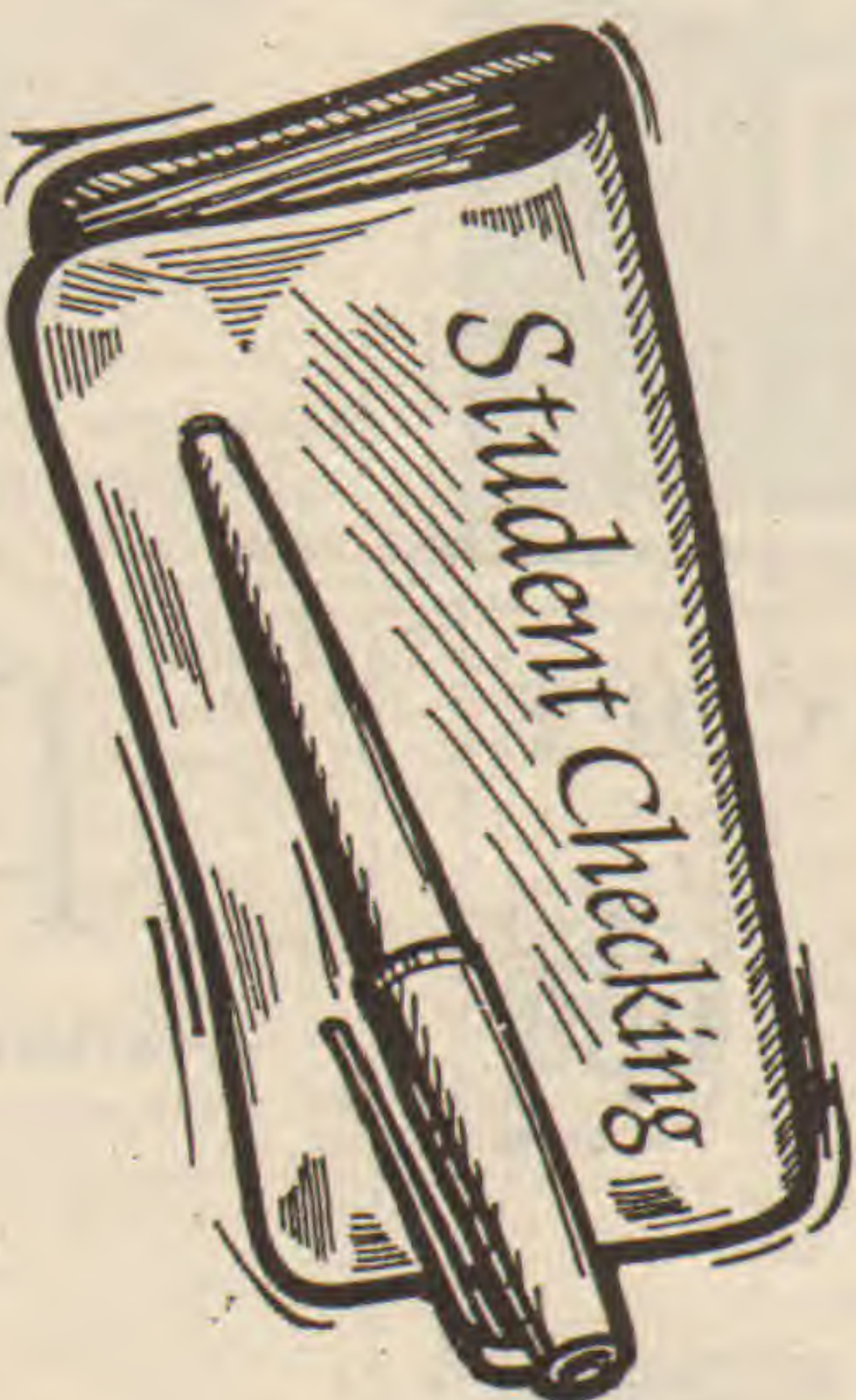
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Sports

—The Buccaneers are Here to Play—

Soccer kicks off a year of Shelton sports

The mild drop in temperatures this week has West Alabama breathing a sigh of relief, it also has the area looking forward to fall sports.

Shelton State couldn't be more eager for the season to begin. With several coaching changes, a new attitude, and a new class of students on board, this season looks to be the best yet.

Shelton State's women's soccer is especially ready to begin. They have a little bit of payback on the mind. The women struggled through a tough 1998 season. Out of 13 games the women only posted one win. But it was a rebuilding year, and it's a young new program.

The women also saw a coaching change after last year. Nellie Barnes, who played for the University of Alabama, has stepped forward to take the head coaching job and is looking forward to what this

season will bring.

"I think we'll do pretty well overall. We have two returning from last year and it would not be unrealistic to win half of our games and that would be a modest estimate," says Barnes.

The women begin the season on September 3 at home against Mississippi Gulf Coast at 3 p.m. The women's Soccer team is the only sport to currently play on the Shelton State campus. The soccer field is at the back of the building.

The women are scheduled to play a total of 15 games, seven of those games at home. With an aggressive schedule, the women are hoping to make up for lost time and start building a winning tradition.

"Last year they worked a lot on basics, but this year we're taking it to a higher level," says Barnes.

Dixie McCreless-Terry has athletics deep in her heart

By James A. Crawford II

Another big change in the Shelton State sports program saw a new Softball head coach come to the school. The Lady Buccaneers fast-pitch softball team completed their first full year in the new pitching style last season under coach Bobby Ussery with a 15-20 record.

The women now have a new head coach, Dixie McCreless-Terry and are looking for even bigger gains in the fall. With eight returning players on the upcoming team and eleven talented freshmen with fast-pitch experience, the women are ready to play.

New head coach Dixie McCreless-Terry was a three sport all-state athlete at Hatton High School (Hatton, Ala.), graduating in 1989. She went on to play softball, volleyball,

and basketball at Wallace State-Hanceville. During her time at Wallace she was selected to play first base on the White Lightning team out of Birmingham. They finished third in the nation.

She finished her playing career with both softball and volleyball at the University of North Alabama. While at UNA she received the highest fielding percentage honor. She graduated in 1994 with a Bachelors of Social Work.

During her years as a high school and college player she conducted camps, as well as participating several years as a volunteer coach. She also volunteered as a softball coach in 1999 at her former high school helping them win a record 36 games.

Dixie is married to Matt Terry the Buccaneers' assistant golf coach.

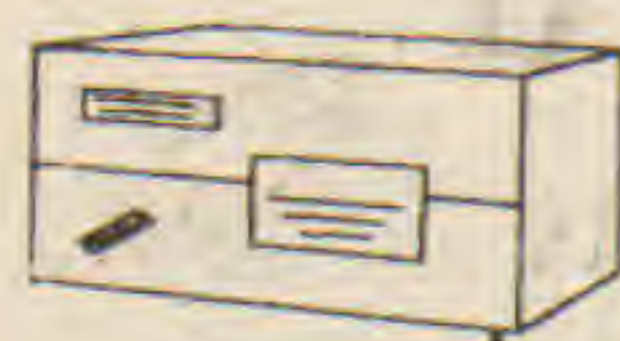
1999 Shelton Soccer

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 September 5, 1 p.m.: Truett-McConnell @ Shelton
 September 12, 2 p.m.: Truett-McConnell @ Truett-McConnell
 September 17, 3 p.m.: Hinds @ Shelton
 September 18, 2 p.m.: Hiawasse @ Hiawasse
 September 22, 3 p.m.: Andrew @ Shelton
 September 25, 1 p.m.: Gordon @ Shelton
 September 28, 3 p.m.: Dekalb @ Shelton
 October 1, 3 p.m.: Mississippi Gulf Coast @ MSGC
 October 10, 1 p.m.: Hiawasse @ Shelton
 October 13, 5 p.m.: Hinds @ Hinds
 October 16, 1 p.m.: Gordon @ Gordon
 October 22, 2 p.m.: Andrew @ Andrew
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Dixie Terry looks forward to many good things at the Buccaneers' home field at Bowers park

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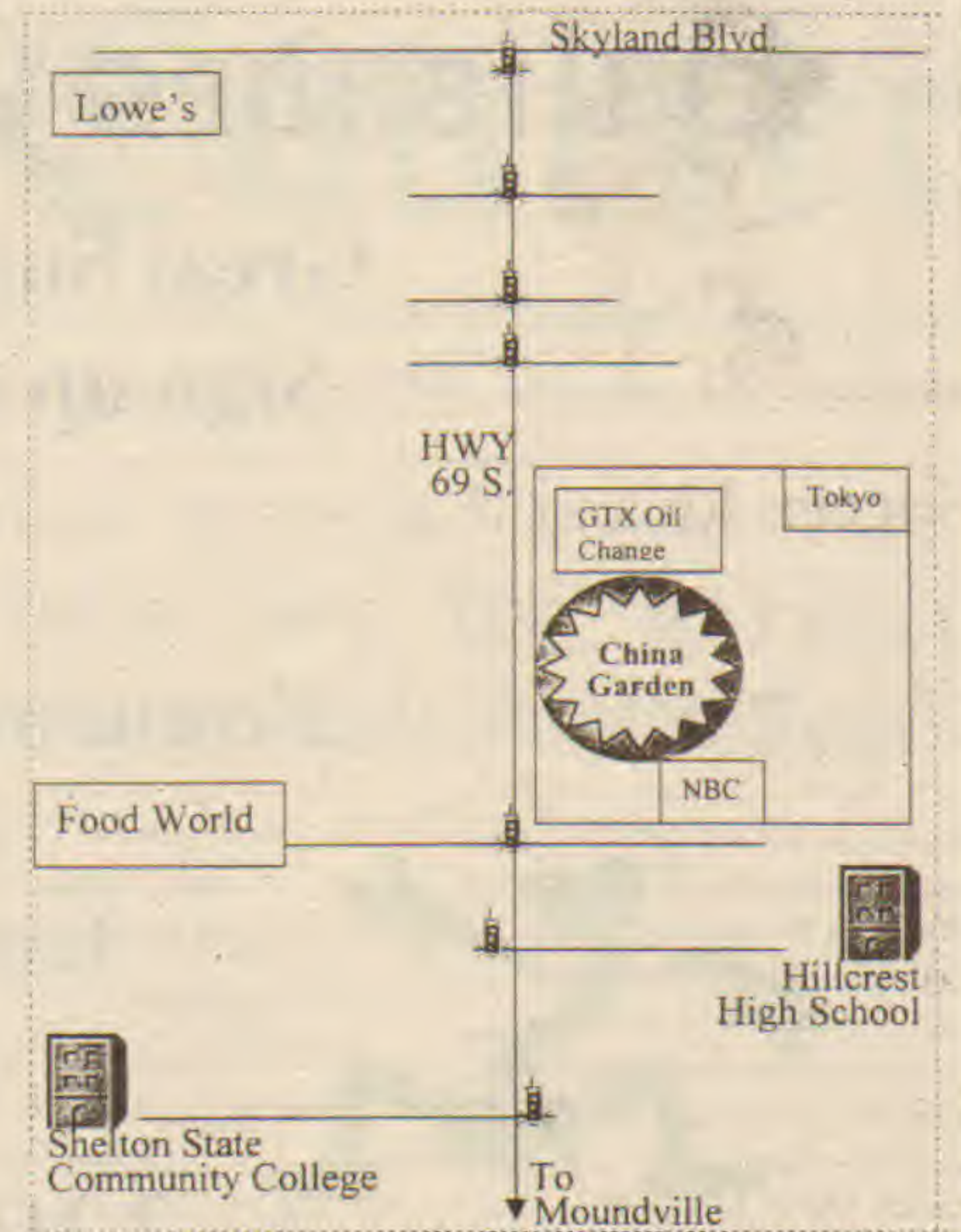
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Is it possible that astrology really can describe your true characteristics and tell your future?

By Becky Avery

Recently, I went searching for information about the constellation Gemini. Much to my surprise I could not find anything dealing with the group of stars. The only information I could find was dealing with the zodiac sign of Gemini.

As I began to read about Gemini's characteristics, I became more interested in how they were able to describe my personality almost perfectly.

I thought maybe it was just a fluke so I went on to look up everyone that I knew well and became even more surprised. These people are so similar to the characteristics in the encyclopedia; it was quite eerie reading for the first time. At that time, this astrology stuff really caught my attention.

Astrology, "the ancient belief that earthly affairs and human lives are influenced by the positions of the sun, moon, and planets with respect to the zodiac," began many years ago. The origin of astrology is much like that of astronomy, both dealing with stars, planets, and moons in great depths. Scholars believe that astrology dates back to the Chaldeans of Mesopotamia, who lived about 3,000 years before Christ. The ancient Egyptians, Chinese, and Greeks all practiced astrology around 2000 B.C.

Modern astrology did not take form until 200 AD when Ptolemy wrote a book on the subject, *Tetrabiblos*. He felt that astrology and astronomy went together hand in

hand. Even though as a society we do not believe in astrology, we do base much of astronomical knowledge on Ptolemy's insights.

Many scientists today ridicule the idea of astrology. This disbelief and ridicule began way back in 1610 with Galileo. This was the first time in history when many new forms were being found in the night sky. Everything about the Earth was being questioned and astrology's reputation worsened with the years.

Some fundamentalists say the practitioners of astrology are in league with Satan. Some even say that if you believe in astrology, then you are denying the power of God. I was one of those people who felt like reading my horoscope, even if it was just for fun, went against God.

That is what my religious upbringing taught me. I also thought that if you read your horoscope you could often find things in your life or day that "fit" into what you read. When I read the description of a Gemini it shocked me beyond my imagination. Things that I feel, my restlessness, my communication skills, my goals of going into politics, and my love of travel were all part of the description.

I believe in coincidences, but this great of one really made me question my ideas about astrology. For a moment I was distracted by the words of eloquent writers and astrologers. They told me what I wanted to hear. But I know from my newly found knowledge of astronomy and my fantastic teacher, Lee Albritton, this practice cannot be

true.

Astrology has been tested for truth for years. Scientists have tried experiments to try to find some reasoning. Nothing was ever found by the scientists. Even statistical studies have been done to try to understand. People born under the same zodiac had no more in common with people born under a different sign. Astrology cannot pass even the simplest of tests.

Astrology is just based on the materials of the universe. These materials—sun, moon, and stars—are always changing. Stars are constantly being born and dying out. In fact, many of the constellations that astrology is based upon have

moved or changed in some way. It is impossible for the stars to tell our future.

I still do not know everything about astrology; well, in the big picture I really do not know that much at all. I do not believe in astrology, nor condemn those that do. However, writing this paper has opened my eyes to how vulnerable people can be when compliments are given.

I confess myself still fascinated by how uncanny accurate astrological can seem when it deals with personalities. But now I agree with Theodore P. Snow's words: "Astrology is worthy of study only by the sociological and psychological sciences, for its effects do not exist in the physical universe."

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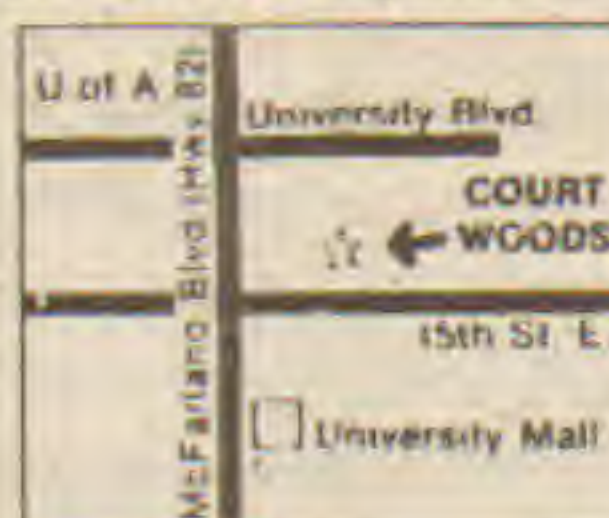
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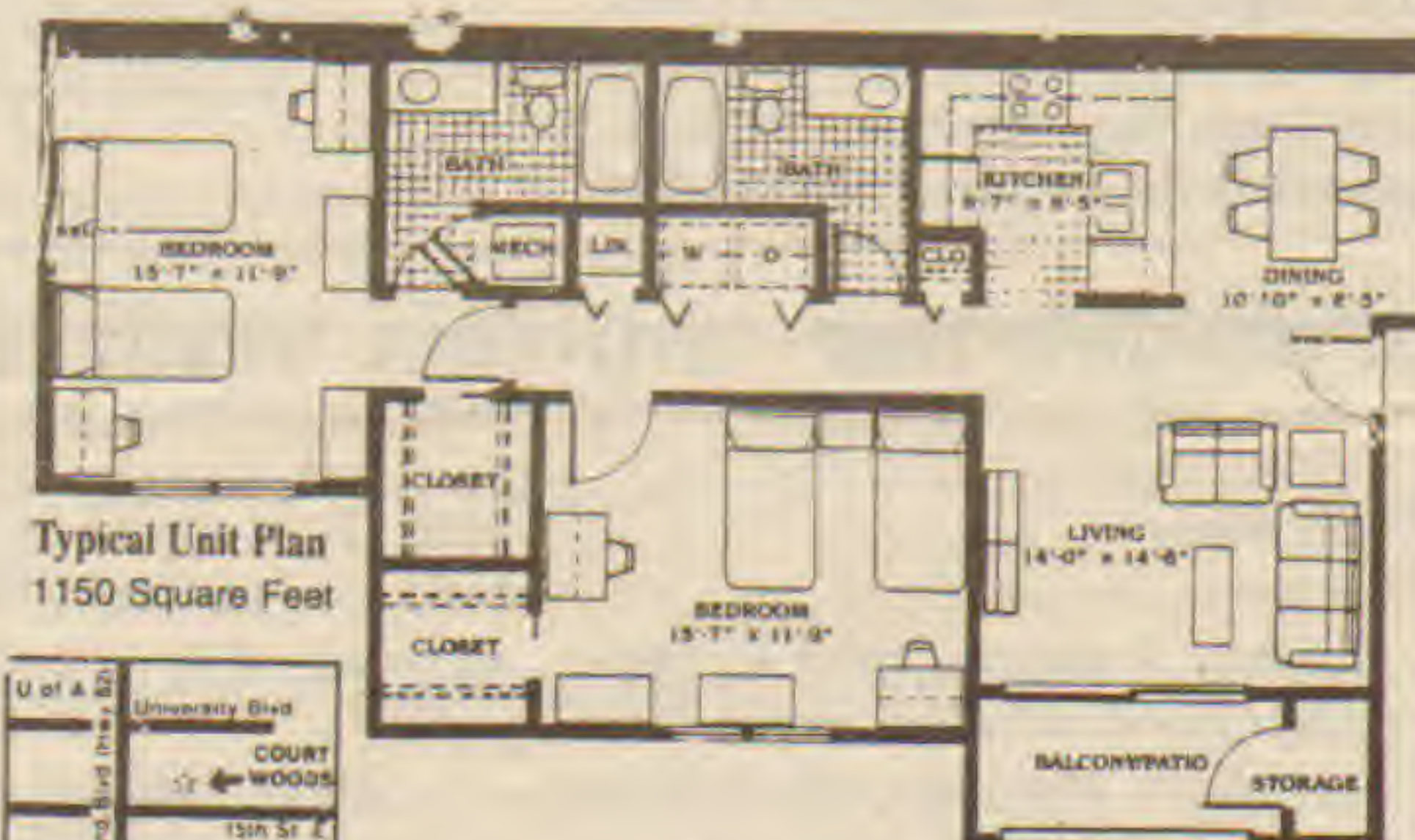


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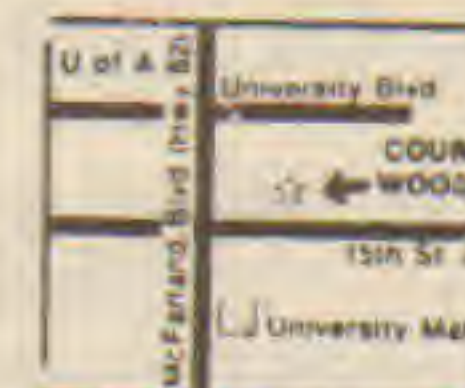
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